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and particularly in those moments when the mind is apt to wander through the void of idleness.

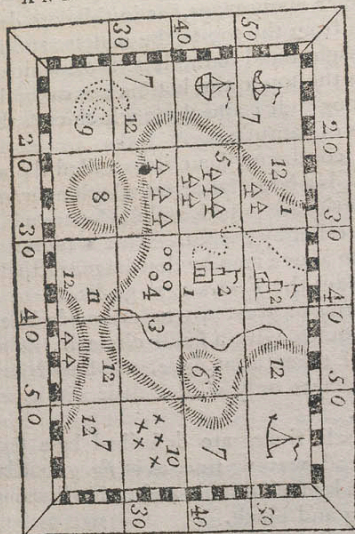
Geography was always, and still is, one of my favourite amusements. It was not long after I began learning this science, when I drew the following plan of a map; and, as it may perhaps be of some service to my little readers, I shall here give an explanation of it.

The top of the map, of all modern ones at least, is called the north; the bottom, the south; the right-hand side, the east; and on the left, the west. When the map is not thus constructed, a flower-de-luce is generally placed in some part of it, which, always pointing towards the north, shews the different points of the compass.

On the top of the map, between the marginal lines, are placed the several figures, which shew the number of degrees of eastern or western longitude, which every place, that lies directly under these figures, is distant from the first meridian.

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On the right and left hand of every map, between the marginal lines, are placed figures that shew the number of degrees, either north or south, every place is distant from the equator, and is called northern or southern latitude.